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Department of Education

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2014 NATIONAL PEACE CONSCIOUSNESS MONTH

To: Undersecretaries
 Assistant Secretaries
 Bureau Directors
 Directors of Services, Centers and Heads of Units
 Regional Directors
 Schools Division Superintendents
 Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools
 All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 675 dated July 20, 2004 entitled *Declaring the Month of September 2004 and Every Year Thereafter as the National Peace Consciousness Month*, the Department of Education (DepEd) announces the celebration of the **2014 National Peace Consciousness Month** this September with the theme *Nagkakaisang Bayan Para Sa Kapayapaan*. The Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP) has been mandated to spearhead the annual celebration of National Peace Consciousness Month since September 2004 and every year thereafter.
2. The Celebration aims to instill greater consciousness and understanding among the Filipino people on the comprehensive peace process, as well as the government's peace constituency building initiatives, by participating in relevant and meaningful activities during the Peace Month.
3. In support of this Celebration, all DepEd officials, employees, teachers, students and pupils from both public and private schools nationwide are encouraged to undertake the following initiatives:
 - a. Public display of the 2014 National Peace Consciousness Month streamer or tarpaulin in all offices and buildings. Template design with the agency logo will be provided by OPAPP;
 - b. Recitation of the **Harmony Prayer** and **Pledge for Peace** (copies enclosed), during flag raising ceremonies for the month of September, and delivery of the peace message by the esteemed OPAPP Secretary highlighting the Peace Month theme this year;
 - c. Participation in the activities lined up for the Peace Month Celebration; and
 - d. Undertaking the Peace Month activities in line with the DepEd's mandate and the Peace Month theme, or include the theme and message of peace in the scheduled activities for September to encourage DepEd officials, employees, teachers, students and pupils to show solidarity for Peace.

4. For more information, all concerned may contact **Dir. Lourdes Villanueva-Cheang** of the I Am for Peace Campaign, Office of the Presidential Adviser for Peace Process (OPAPP), 7/F Agustin 1 Bldg., F. Ortigas Jr. Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City at telephone nos.: (02) 636-0701 to 06 local 874; fax no.: (02) 638-2216; mobile phone no.: 0917-885-4626 or send a message through email address: mlvcheang@opapp.net.

5. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


BR. ARMIN A. LUISTRO FSC
Secretary

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As stated

References:

DepEd Memorandum Nos.: 159, s. 2012 and 179, s. 2013

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HARMONY PRAYER

O Lord, I cry for Peace. Purify my eyes to see peace.

Purify my mind to understand peace

Purify my heart to love peace. Purify my memory to work for peace;

The Peace that comes from your love and compassion.

O Lord, sustain my vision of peace following your inspiration.

You have many ways of revealing your presence and love for humanity,

But your style is constant: You are in dialogue with all, You care for all.

Make Me, O Lord, a sign of your peace,

Living a life-in-dialogue with you to understand your silence and seek your presence.

In dialogue with myself to rediscover the meaning of my life.

In dialogue with others to move together in harmony with all.

And in dialogue with creation to care for the earth.

Give me, O Lord, the courage to live in dialogue

In the midst of divisions and conflicts and to build peace with all people

Of sincere hearts who believe in your love and compassion.

Amen.

Note: the Harmony Prayer is a universal prayer for people of different religions. The prayer was composed of the Silsilah Dialogue Movement. The use of the word "Lord" referring to the "Lord of the Universe" in the prayer is a universal attribute for God/Allah/Divine/Supreme Being as the religions in the world use in their prayers.

PLEDGE OF PEACE

I will work towards peace through my own goal and initiatives,
starting with my thoughts and actions.

I will promote a culture of non-violence in my daily life and
contribute in developing a progressive country.

I will contribute in building a better future for Filipinos and I
promise to do my best to achieve these goals through peaceful
means.

I pledge to support peace in every way possible for I am and will
always be a Filipino for a just and lasting peace.

I am a Filipino and I am for peace.

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**NAGKAKAISANG
BAYAN
PARA SA KAPA
APAHAN**

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SEPTEMBER 2014**



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